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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

What our People are doing. Items of Interest, etc.

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Miss Mae Wiley has returned from Portland.

Fred Merrill, Bowdoin 1900, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Edith Perkins is home from Boston to spend the holidays.

Miss Ella Chandler went to Norway and South Paris Monday.

Miss Minnie Capen has been visiting at New Gloucester for a week.

Wallie Wight has been confined to the house by illness for several weeks.

The Columbian Club will meet with Miss Annie Frye Saturday of this week.

Theodore Gould is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

Miss Addie Farwell is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Albert Farwell.

Mr. Elmer Cross of Albany was called to Bath on account of the illness of her mother.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday will be "The Just Balance."

C. O. Foster and little boy, Wilfred, spent last week visiting at Orrin Foster's, in Newry.

Miss Alice Chamberlain is at home from Portland to spend two weeks with her parents.

Christians will be observed at the M. E. church tomorrow evening with a concert and Christmas tree.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office next Saturday, Dec. 26. Any business coming before them will receive attention.

There will be a supper, concert and tree at the Universalist church Thursday evening, Christmas eve, beginning at six o'clock. Fillmore's concert exercise, entitled "Joy Bells," will be rendered at 7.30.

Mrs. Ella Chase of Portland spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. Harold Chapman. Mrs. Chase possesses a very sweet voice, and sang at State street church fifteen years. She came to Bethel to sing at the funeral of Mr. Albion P. Chapman.

Election of officers of the Epworth League has resulted as follows: Pres., Miss Cora Bean; 1st Vice Pres., S. J. Haselton; 2nd Vice Pres., Miss Addie Gordon; 3rd Vice Pres., Miss Ada Durell; 4th Vice Pres., Miss Lottie Fox; Sec., Miss Jennie Merrill; Treas., C. O. Foster.

Will Bean spent several days of last week at his Bethel home. He has taken a course at the Gunnery school in Washington, D. C., and has just graduated, with first honors from the U. S. Torpedo Station at Newport, R. I. He has gone to New York on board the "Receiving Ship," where he will be detailed to service in the U. S. Navy.

The junior music class met on Friday evening at Miss True's studio. Mrs. Hall was the invited guest. As it was the last recital of the old year, Miss True had suggested that the children should entertain her in return for her ever-ingest entertainment the past several months. The arrangement of the musical programme was given to Miss Belle Purington, each child playing her favorite study. Miss Susie Plamsted arranged the games and Miss Miriam Herdick recited several short poems in German. At the end of the evening's frolic, Miss True gathered the children around her in a circle, and beginning with the youngest, each little maid put in her thumb and pulled out a plum from a large white box which Miss True held. The "plum" proving to be a medallion head of a famous composer tied with the class colors.

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SUCCESS.

A Sermon Preached at the Congregational Church.

BY REV. ISRAEL JORDAN.
Continued from last week.

There are two kinds of success—good success and bad success. Success is as the etymology of the word shows, that which follows or comes after in the way one wishes it to do. It is evident that a bad desire brings in its fulfillment bad success; a good desire, good success. Out of the heart are the issues, the followings after, the successes of life.

Let us look at the parable once more. This time our thought shall move in a narrower circle because in a more discriminative one. The occasion which called the parable forth was the evident misunderstanding between Christ and the great multitude that followed him. The gospel rightly understood is never the concern of great multitudes. Christ, therefore, at once spoke to them of this false situation. He told them that to be his disciple is something vastly different from the social excitement which they found so exhilarating. It involves the taking up of a cross by the individual. He then warned them of the danger of hasty and ill-considered professions of discipleship. The profession of discipleship He compared to the public declaration of the purpose to build a tower. It is the profession of a superior mode of living as much distinguished from the common as the tower-builder's is distinguished from the tent-maker's. As we interpret the parable in the light of its historical setting and apply it to the work of God wrought out in the individual, we shall find ourselves designating the elements of success by words that embody all the meaning of the terms already used and vastly more. Let us now substitute these terms as we find them in the teaching and practice of the great Master.

The primary meaning of the word ambition is a going about or seeking for office. It is in this sense that Milton uses it when he makes Satan say: "To reign is worth ambition, though in hell." Christ was ambitious. He was an office-seeker and the office he sought for was nothing less than the kingdom of the human race. He was ambitious to be a king and to show him-self a king. In other words He was ambitious to be good and to do good. Therefore, the first qualification for discipleship, for following successfully in his footsteps is the ambition to be good and to do good. The term he was constantly using in his teaching to mean all that is meant by the phrase "ambition to be good and to do good," is the word LOVE.

Sometimes He uses the word hate as in the context of the parable, for hatred of being evil and doing evil is one and the same thing as being good and doing good. He says: "If any man come unto me and hate not his own father and mother and brethren, he cannot be my disciple." If one desires to build Christian character with any real intensity of purpose, he is to hate any disposition to demolish it which may be seen in any of his nearest and dearest friends, yea, in his own life also. If this hatred of the principle of evil is not strong the love of righteousness has no reality. Its intensity is at once destroyed. According to the Old Testament law when a man showed himself stubbornly and persistently vicious, his father and mother were to be the first to bring him to justice. Christ here spiritualizes this principle. One morning, only a few days ago, an event happened in Berlin which sets forth the meaning of Christ's command. A young man with malice aforethought committed a great crime. He returned to his home with the evidence of guilt upon his person. And what did his two brothers do? They did the only honorable thing that men in their situation could do. They showed a real love for their brother by hating him. They took him each by one arm and led him directly to police headquarters and gave him into the hands of justice. Had they been less loving, less ambitious to be good and to do good, they would have been less severe towards others when it is called for, and toward his own life also. This is what is meant by the words "taking up the cross." When Christ spoke of his cross Peter said, "Thyself, Lord," and Christ answered "Get thee behind me, Satan." The way to success does not begin by pitying one's present self, but by loving one's ideal self. The tower Christ built (his unrivalled character) was brought to completion, was made perfect only through suffering. To love a thing in itself is to love its finest exhibitions. To love perfection of character is to love Christ. This love, this ambition, is always the first essential of success. There is no possibility of good success unless one first heads the command, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." We have substituted the term love in place of ambition. What term shall take the place of meditation? Just as success begins in a co-operation between one's heart and the heart of God, so it is carried forward by a co-operation between one's mind and the mind of God. It is carried forward by INSPIRATION.

Perhaps no better definition of inspiration can be given than to say it is an intellectual co-operation between man and his Maker. I can at this time only mention some of the ways in which this co-operation is carried on. These ways may be seen in the example Christ has given us, in His habit of private prayer and His profound knowledge of the Scriptures. He looked in those Scriptures in order to know what they had to say concerning himself. This is the spirit in which every successful man, whose success can be called good, must read his Bible. He must turn its pages to find out the things concerning himself. If he does this, he will not lack for inspiration. As he rises from the reading of God's word, he will find that he knows God's mind and at the same time knows his own. As he rises, he will find that he has not entered blindly upon the Christian pilgrimage. He has foreseen the great fact that it is a life of concentration, or, to use the religious term

CONSECRATION. No matter whether the success one aims at is good success or bad success, he is inevitably called upon to walk not in a broad way but in a straight and narrow way. The Christian must spend his whole life, for that is his capital, in carrying forward his character-building to completion. No man pursues the work of God seriously and successfully without doing this. Those who are just entering upon the public avowed discipleship of Christ sometimes regard their profession with complacency, as though it were the profession of a purpose which distinguishes them from the world. It is not the profession of the purpose; it is the carrying out of the purpose. Many a soul has hastily and with great parade separated itself from the world, and after a few days the world has poured its contempt and ridicule upon it because the separation was only a pretended one. The profession spoke of a grand cathedral for God. The soul declared its purpose to be a temple of God's spirit. But when it came to counting out the cost it was not a cathedral-like character that came into view. It was the real idea that the soul was in bondage to and it proved to be only a band box of worldly fashion and frivolity. The disciple who would succeed in following the Master must be filled with a Christ-like love of God, a Christ-like inspiration from God, and a Christ-like consecration to God. This, and this alone is good success.

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Votes can be cast for any teacher wherever they may reside, if he or she is now or has been teaching in this county during 1896.

Every issue of the News from now until Feb. 1st, 1897 will contain one vote, which can be filled out by any one for any teacher in the County and sent into the News office. Extra papers will be on sale at the News office, G. R. Wiley's drug store and at Miss L. C. Hall's in Bethel, also at Stone's drug store, Norway, Shurtleff's drug store, South Paris, and at C. A. Clifford's, Rumford Falls.

A new yearly subscription to the News, whether brought in by the teachers themselves or by some friend, will count 52 votes. A 6 months subscription will count 26 votes, and a 3 months subscription 13 votes.

25 votes will also be allowed for every dollar's worth of job printing actually obtained by any teacher or friend and brought to this office.

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ONE VOTE FOR TOWN.

Votes Received to Date.

Miss Alice Purington, Bethel, 277
Miss Lillian R. Kimball, 227
East Bethel,
T. S. Hutchins, Bethel, 135
Miss Ethel Hammon, 114
West Bethel,
J. S. Hutchins, South Bethel, 7
Arthur G. Wiley, Norway, 26
F. W. Flood, Bethel, 10
Maud Bartlett, Albany, 8
Miss Sadie Abbott, Bethel, 7
Augusta H. French, Norway, 6

Remember a new subscriber counts 52 votes if for a year.

We give a copy of the NEW YORK TRIBUNE or the TOLEDO WEEKLY BLADE free to every new subscriber who asks for it.

Considerable interest is being shown in this voting contest. Miss Alice Purington heads the list this week with 277 votes. Miss Lillian Kimball comes next with 227. Nearly all have made a gain and it begins to look as though all of the teachers have many friends.

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Howard Wiley and Archie Grover are home from their school at Orono to spend the holidays.

Children's Christmas Page.

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class. I am very interested in my studies.

I have a twin brother and sister six years old, and another sister four years old in December. She was almost a Christmas present.

I have my chores to do, which are cutting carrots, wood and kindlings. Saturday I saved wood and piled a little. Last summer I helped papa rake and turn hay. My papa takes the BETHEL NEWS. I like the children's letters best.

From your friend, Asa Smith.
New York City, Dec. 9th.

Mr. Editor:—I have the privilege of seeing your papers, as I know a lady who lived in Bethel when a child. You invite all children to write and I thought that the boys and girls of Bethel would like to know about the New York schools.

I read in the last paper a letter written by a little girl who said that there were eleven scholars in her school. That seems very strange to me for there are two thousand four hundred and fifty-four pupils in the school that I attend. There are three departments in our school, one is the primary department, and two grammar departments, one for the boys and one for girls. My teacher's name is Miss Dinn, and the principal's name is Miss McCabe. There are twenty teachers in the department which I am in, and don't know how many in the other departments. Every morning we assemble, that is, we change classes, the smaller pupils in the lower classes in the front of the room, and we size up to the highest class, then our principal reads out of the Bible a chapter and we sing a few songs, and some boys or girls recite, then we go to our right classes and begin our lessons. We have recess at half-past ten o'clock; we have fifteen minutes for play time, then when the bell rings, we get in line and then march to our class rooms. At twelve o'clock the clothing is given out and one of the teachers play on the piano and we march out of school and go home and get our lunch. Then we must be back by one o'clock, and we study until three o'clock, and then we march home again and school is out for the day. On Friday, the girls and boys who have been obedient and good get a testimonial, and go home at two o'clock. I forgot to tell you that school begins at nine o'clock in the morning.

Now, I have told you all that is interesting about our school. I am eleven years old and my name is LILAND THOMSON, No. 175 West 97th Street, New York City, N. Y.

BETHEL LOCALS.
Rev. J. H. Boonds of Locke's Mills was in Bethel Monday.

Sunset Rebekahs will go to West Paris, Jan. 5th, to visit the lodge at that place.

B. C. Snyder of the News office goes to Boston today for a short visit, with relatives.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge received three new members into their lodge last Monday evening.

There will be work in the first degree at Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., next Saturday evening.

At the meeting of the Pilgrim Fathers last Monday evening, the old board of officers were elected.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

There will be a Christmas tree and picnic supper at Garland Memorial Chapel Thursday evening. Supper will be served at six o'clock and young and old of our Sabbath school, church and parish are cordially invited to come and join with our young people in a "Merry Christmas."

The school at Middle Intervale is suspended, as more than half the scholars are unable to attend this winter. We regret this necessity, as Miss Russell was doing excellent work, and we can heartily recommend her for a small school, if any of our Superintendents in adjoining towns are in need of a teacher.

Prof. W. R. Chapman will be in Bethel to spend Christmas, and is desirous of meeting the Bethel chorus Friday evening in the chapel. It is hoped that as many as possible will be present, as he will have some very valuable information to impart. There will be no rehearsal until the first Thursday evening in January.

Dr. F. Winger, Ephrata, Pa., says: "Mr. J. D. Kline, a cigar maker of this place, reports a complete cure of his cough with a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried others which had failed." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, Me., and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond, Me.

Some few months ago the publisher of the News approached Col. Clark L. Edwards on the subject of a series of war articles for the News, and after some writing the Colonel consented to write a history of Company I, 5th Maine Regiment. The Colonel has been at work on this history for a number of months and has now got it into shape to publish. The first article will appear Jan. 2, and they will continue through fifteen or more numbers of the News. A four months' subscription to the News, (45 cents), will give you all these articles. Subscribe now and not miss one of them.

Sunday at the Congregational Church

Sunday, the services at the Congregational Church were appropriate to the day. The organ gallery and church had been converted into a veritable bower of evergreen, by the committee on decorations. The choir rendered Sudd's "And there were Shepherds," in a very pleasing manner, and Mr. Bennett C. Snyder gave as a response, "He shall feed His Flock," from the Messiah, with so much expression and pathos that it was a real inspiration to the congregation. Rev. Mr. Jordan preached a very able discourse in which the dominant thought was, the coming of Christ, the fulfillment of prophecy, and now the Christ spirit to be the guide of our lives, in home education, politics and every line of training and business.

In the evening a very fine concert was given by the Sabbath school. After the organ voluntary by Miss Hall, the choir sang the professional, "Happy Christmas Time," and the school joined in the singing and marched through the aisles of the church to their several places. After the Scripture lesson and prayer by the pastor, the programme prepared for the children was given, which consisted of music and recitations from the tiny girls of three to those of larger growth. Mrs. Gehring's class, composed of twenty-two children, gave a very pleasing part, "The Little Town of Bethlehem," by Phillips Brooks, was set to music by Mrs. Gehring expressly for her class, and the poem given by Master Guy Barker, was written by Mrs. A. E. Herrick. The music by the choir was all of an exceptionally high class and well rendered. The quartette, "Hark, hark my soul angelic songs are swelling," by Shelly, was well rendered by Mrs. Scott Wight, Misses Jane Howard Gibson and Alice Purington, and Messrs. Scott Wight and B. C. Snyder, and was thoroughly appreciated both in point of excellence and the kindly spirit which prompted them to add this to the programme.

The music by the choir, under the direction of Dea. E. P. Grover, both solos and chorus, was fine, and the parts by the scholars all interesting and well taken, showing thorough, patient drill on the part of the committee and teachers. After the singing by the choir, "Joy to the world," and the benediction, one more Christmas concert passed to be pleasant memory all through the year.

The following is the poem composed by Mrs. A. E. Herrick: The Centennial Class are we, Named in honor, don't you see, Of this year, whose records shown Prove swift flying years have grown Into century complete, Since strange hills and valleys sweet Happy village homes became, Bearing the dear Bethel name, Entering on this century new, We children have resolved to do All that little children may, To have each year, each month, each day So nobly spent that each shall be A gladstone one in memory, And help to make the coming age Worthy of its heritage. Reversely we each would try To follow the ideal high, That pure Christ, who to us came, Sent in dear love's hallowed name, To show us what a man might be In strength, in grace, in purity. We've chosen for our motto true These words, "What would Jesus do?"

What would Jesus do, we'd ask When we take up any task, What would Jesus do, we'd say Entering on each fresh new day; Which of many ways we meet— Would have walked his holy feet? Whom would he so graciously seek? What the words his life would speak?

This tribute we would bring Here tonight, while joyous ring Gladdest songs of love and praise, Happy hearts and voices raise, For that light, that long ago, Shone out after Christmas snow, And whose glorious rays still shine Making every life divine.

This tribute we would bring Loyalty's best offering, Hearts that his compassion know, Feet that on his errands go, Hands outstretched to help and heal, Lips that tender love reveal, Love's best service may we give, Living as our Lord would live, Grow to men and women true, Asking, what would Jesus do?

Gould's Academy Notes.
The Academy closes Thursday night for the week, so that all may be at home Christmas.

The subject for the first compositions of the winter term are Immigration, Corporation, Our National Resources, My Favorite Poet, and What Should be our Attitude Toward Cuba?

Items of interest about former pupils or teachers of the Academy will be cheerfully received by the editors of the school paper.

The editors of the school paper are as follows: Managing Editor, Cora H. Farwell; assistant editors, Ethel M. Richardson, Winifred Hall, Alice C. Perkins, Ethel Eames, George French; business managers, Florence Carter, Beatrice Kellher.

Mr. Flood acted as one of the judges in the prize speaking of the Berlin high school Saturday evening. The prizes were two silver medals, one for the best speaker among the ladies, and a similar one for the best among the young men. The winners were Miss Nellie Rowell and Mr. Otto Oleson.

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